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**MT. CLEMENS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT  
FOR SELLING CRACK COCAINE AND MARIJUANA WHILE ARMED**

A 38-year-old Mt. Clemens man who distributed large quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment today, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. Joining in the announcement was Special Agent in Charge Valerie Goddard, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Levence Mickle Quick pled guilty on January 18, 2007 to four counts of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and two firearms charges before United States District Judge Denise Page Hood. Defendant admitted to selling marijuana and crack cocaine on February 24, 2006 while armed with a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver. He also admitted to selling marijuana and crack cocaine on November 21, 2006 while armed with a High Standard 12-gauge shotgun. Defendant operated out of drug houses on Duchess and St. Clair streets in Detroit and on Clemens St. in Mt. Clemens.

After completing his sentence, Quick will be required to serve eight years of supervised release.

United States Attorney Murphy Stephen J. Murphy said, "Armed drug trafficking is a ticket to a long stretch in prison or a fate that's even worse. Today's sentence is a stern warning to all drug dealers to get out of the business before it's too late. I congratulate the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the successful prosecution of this case."

"Illegal drugs and guns go hand-in-hand and are a threat to the safety of our citizens and to our law enforcement officers," said SAC Goddard. "Today's lengthy sentence highlights our effort to remove armed drug dealers from our streets. We are dedicated to reducing violent crime and this case highlights a repetitive problem of illegal narcotics traffickers willing to use and carry firearms to protect their drug proceeds," she added.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Leonid Feller.